THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) the resettlement of slum dwellers in Delhi is done as per the existing policy of the Government under which the eligible pre-1990 squatters are allotted 18 sqm. plots whereas post-1990 but pre-1998 squatters are provided 12.5 sqm. plots.

(c) The Slum & JJ Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, which is primarily responsible for relocation of slum dwellers, has intimated that the Government of NCT of Delhi has approved an amount of Rs. 1685.00 lacs for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Delhi during the current financial year 2003-2004.

Metro Rail Project for Bangalore

2382. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Metro Rail Project for Bangalore with equal Central and State equity participation has been submitted to Government for approval; and

(b) if so, what would be the funding pattern of the project and by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No decision on the Bangalore Metro Project (Phase-I) has been taken so far. However, a detailed Project Report for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project (Phase-I) has been prepared and is under examination.

INA Market

2383. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INA Market has turned into a slum market in which there is no proper arrangement for shopping and parking;

(b) whether Government propose to construct an ultra modern double-storeyed market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA Market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants, fruits, vegetable and non-vegetable items; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Considering the existing inadequacies in the INA market and to provide for an environmentally better market place, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has prepared a conceptual plan for re-development of the market area. However, the proposal is at a preliminary stage.

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

†2384. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to construct flats at slum land and hand-over the flats to the slum dwellers;

(b) whether backward States like Bihar have also been included in that list;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The Government is implementing centrally sponsored scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below poverty line in urban slums. The scheme has also a component known as Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) for the construction of community toilets. The scheme is funded with the Government of India subsidy of 50% and the balance 50% to be arranged by the State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.